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SUBJECT: GOP PROTESTS ALLEGED VIOLATION OF DIPLOMATIC
PREMISES

REF: MANILA 9950

1. SUMMARY. NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT (NYPD) HAS RELATED
ORALLY THROUGH USUN THE REPORT WHICH FOLLOWS ABOUT THE
FACTS OF THE INCIDENT OUTLINED REFTTEL. IDENTICAL PROTEST
NOTE HAS BEEN FILED IN WASHINGTON. WE INTEND TO MAKE EARLY
REPLY. END SUMMARY.

2. THE NYPD REPORTS: A) INCIDENT BEGAN WITH A FIGHT
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INVOLVING 8 PERSONS IN STREET IN FRONT OF PHILIPPINE
CENTER. COMBATTANTS TURNED ON TWO LOCAL POLICEMEN
ATTEMPTING TO QUELL DISTURBANCE. B) POLICE THEN ATTEMPTED
TO ARREST ALL 8. TWO WERE DETAINED. TWO FLED DOWN STREET.
FOUR, INCLUDING ONE OBSERVED TO BE ARMED, FLED INTO
MAHARLIKA RESTAURANT. (RESTAURANT IS NOT IDENTIFIED AS
PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHMENT.) C) TWO OTHER

POLICEMEN RESPONDING TO A "POLICE OFFICER NEEDS ASSISTANCE" CALL PURSUED THE FOUR INTO THE RESTAURANT. PERSONS IN THE RESTAURANT LOCKED THE DOOR AFTER THE TWO POLICEMEN HAD ENTERED DENYING ENTRY TO POLICE REINFORCEMENTS. D) IN

PURSUING SUSPECTS, TWO POLICE FOUND THEMSELVES IN MAIN LOBBY OF CONNECTING PHILIPPINE CENTER WHERE THEY ENCOUNTERED TWO OF THE SUSPECTS WHEREUPON VARIOUS OTHER PERSONS IN THE BUILDING FORCIBLY ATTEMPTED TO PREVENT THE POLICE FROM MAKING ARREST. E) POLICE REINFORCEMENTS, OBSERVING THIS SCENE FROM OUTSIDE OF LOCKED ENTRANCE, WENT TO THE AID OF THE TWO OFFICERS BY FORCING THE LOCKED DOOR TO THE CULTURAL CENTER AND ENTERING WITH GUNS DRAWN AS IS THEIR PRACTICE WHEN FIREARMS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED (DOOR TO CULTURAL CENTER IS NOT MARKED AS PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHMENT BUT SAYS "WELCOME VISITORS". PLAQUE TO LEFT OF DOOR COULD EASILY BE MISSED IN CONFUSED SITUATION). F) FOLLOWING SOME ADDITIONAL TUMULT POLICE SUCCEEDED IN ARRESTING TWO MORE SUSPECTS AND BROUGHT ALL FOUR TO THE LOCAL PRECINCT. THERE IT WAS DETERMINED, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH USUN, THAT NONE OF THE FOUR APPEARED TO POSSESS DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY, THOUGH TWO POSSIBLY HAD FUNCTIONAL IMMUNITY. G) SUBSEQUENTLY, A PHILIPPINE VICE CONSUL INFORMED THE POLICE THAT THE BUILDING IN QUESTION WAS A DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENT HOUSING THE UN MISSION AND CONSULATE. ON THIS BASIS, AFTER VERIFICATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT MISSION AND CONSULATE WERE LOCATED IN UPPER FLOORS OF BUILDING AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH POLICE LEGAL COUNSEL, POLICE RELEASED ALL FOUR.

3. USUN IS FORMALLY REQUESTING FROM THE POLICE COMMISSIONER A POLICE REPORT ON THE SUBJECT AND EXPECTS THAT BOTH THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION OF THE NYPD AND THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION WILL INVESTIGATE. THEY ARE ALSO ADVISING THE US ATTORNEY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NY IN LIGHT OF THE ALLEGATIONS OF POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW.

4. WE INTEND TO REPLY TO PHILIPPINE NOTE ASAP GIVING FOLLOWING: (A) APOLOGY FOR ENTERING BUILDING, NOTING UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES. (B) REPORT OF STEPS BEING TAKEN TO INVESTIGATE MATTER FURTHER. (C) SUMMARY OF INITIAL REPORT TO US BY NYPD.

5. WE EXPECT THERE WILL BE A NATURAL PHILIPPINE TENDENCY TO EXPLOIT THIS INCIDENT AND HOPE YOU CAN CONVEY TO ROMULO AND OTHERS OUR APOLOGIES PLUS THE THOUGHT THAT THE SITUATION IS SO CONFUSED AND MURKY ON ALL SIDES THAT NOTHING IS TO BE GAINED BY MAKING IT INTO A MAJOR PUBLIC

AFFAIR. YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE A PUBLIC REFERENCE TO FACT
THAT WE HAVE FORMALLY EXPRESSED REGRETS AND ARE INVESTI-
GATING FURTHER. CHRISTOPHER

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